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## Pakistan releases 1,000 detainees

NEW DELHI, March 12 (R) — Afghan authorities have released a 1,000 people detained during violent demonstrations last week in Kabul, according to the Soviet news agency Tass. Tass, the official Afghan news agency, said the latest brought the number of people freed to nearly 1,000. The authorities have not disclosed the total number of people released after the demonstrations on Feb. 21 and 22 but foreign observers in Kabul believe at least 2,000 arrests were made. Reaching Pakistan reported hundreds killed or wounded in clashes with armed forces. Justice Minister Abdul Rashid last week told a visiting delegation of the International League of Democratic Lawyers that Amnesty International, London-based human rights organisation, would be allowed to observe the trials of those being prosecuted. The release of the detainees was part of a "U.S.-Soviet" plot against Afghanistan.

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## U.S. deplores new Jewish settlement

WASHINGTON, March 12 (R)—The United States today deplored Israel's decision to expropriate approximately 1,000 acres (400 hectares) of Arab-owned land near Jerusalem to build a new Jewish residential neighbourhood. The state department also cautioned Israel against taking a unilateral step which might undermine or prejudice the outcome of delicate talks with Egypt on Palestinian autonomy. Today's statement was issued after Israeli officials disclosed plans to seize the land north of Jerusalem in an area occupied by Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. "The United States deplores the decision reportedly taken by the government of Israel to expropriate approximately 1,000 acres of land in occupied territory," it said. "Our position has consistently been that the future of the occupied areas must be settled in the course of negotiations for a comprehensive peace. It is of the utmost importance to avoid any unilateral action which undermines these delicate negotiations or prejudices their outcome."

## France formally endorses w Middle East policies

PARIS, March 12 (Agencies) — The French government today formally endorsed participation of the Liberation Organisation (PLO) in peace talks and affirmed people's right to self-determination as stated by Secretary General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in his recent tour of the Middle East. Giscard d'Estaing, the French president, also said Israel should live within its internationally recognised borders. Giscard d'Estaing, who is visiting the Middle East for the first time, said the French government's position on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

exercise its right to self-determination within the framework of a peaceful settlement.

"All parties should on this basis be associated with the negotiations and notably the Palestinian people, and this implies the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation."

President Giscard d'Estaing's declarations regarding PLO participation in peace talks during his Middle East tour aroused widespread criticism in Israel. The Israeli government protested formally to the French government.

In Bonn, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said today he will meet President Giscard d'Estaing this weekend amid reports the Western Europeans are working on a new Middle East policy declaration.

Diplomatic sources would not rule out the possibility that the European formula would address the status of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the concept of a Palestinian state.

During a news conference, Mr. Schmidt said the meeting would take place Sunday in his hometown of Hamburg. It will include a review of the French president's recent Middle East tour and of the Chancellor's talks last week with U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

The sources said the European declaration, being drafted by the

nine European Economic Community states, would not be made public until after Egypt and Israel completed their talks on Palestinian autonomy so as not to complicate the already difficult negotiations.

Under the Camp David agreement, Israel and Egypt have until May 26 to complete the autonomy talks. Sources said the Europeans, heavily dependent on Middle East oil, want to have a joint position ready for announcement in case the talks fail.

Sources in Bonn said the European declaration would doubtless include calls for recognition of Israel's right to exist and for self-determination for the Palestinians, although it was unclear if that would mean a Palestinian state.

The declaration stems in part from Western European fears that the Camp David agreement may still fail on the issue of Palestinian autonomy, over which Egypt and Israel remain deadlocked.

Last week in New York, Chancellor Schmidt told members of the Foreign Policy Association many nations see the lack of a comprehensive Middle East peace as a greater threat to the flow of oil than Soviet military intervention.

In a radio interview today, West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said Western Europe should "give new impetus" to its contacts with the Arab World in the interest of Middle East peace.

"It is important that the European nations give new impetus for a political revitalisation and stimulation of the Euro-Arab dialogue," Mr. Genscher said. "It is important for the peace of the Middle East. But this peace is also our peace."

He noted that West Germany has long believed that a lasting peace in the Middle East must include guarantees of self-determination for the Palestinians and of Israel's right to exist as a state.

He termed the dialogue "an arrangement that has existed for years but which in the last years has been somewhat dormant."

Mr. Genscher said the EEC nations must move carefully since Palestinian autonomy talks between Israel and Egypt had reached a "decisive phase."

But the foreign minister, who made a brief stop in Egypt on his way back from a trip to Southeast Asia, said it was important for European nations to do what they could to ease tensions in the oil-rich region. "The solution of the Middle East question is also of great importance for the internal stability of the Arab countries, for the restoration of unity in the Arab camp."

Meanwhile, Kuwait today asked Italy, current EEC chairman, for help in gaining the European Community's recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

A Kuwaiti foreign ministry spokesman said the request was conveyed by Kuwait's under-secretary for foreign affairs, Mr. Rashid Abdul Aziz Al Rashid, to Italian Ambassador Paolo Tarone.

The spokesman said that Mr. Rashid asked the Italian envoy to urge his government to work through the EEC for an overall Middle East peace settlement based on recognising the "legitimate rights" of the Palestinian people.

## Libya turns down invitation to pan-Arab Baghdad meeting

BEIRUT, March 12 (R) — The Libyan Jamahiriya has turned down Iraq's invitation to attend a pan-Arab meeting in Baghdad later this month, contending this may cause a split in Arab ranks.

The Libyan News Agency (JANA), reporting this today, said Libya's stand was conveyed by Mr. Omar Al Hamed, secretary-general of the Arab People's Congress, to Iraqi Youth Affairs Minister Karim Hussein at a meeting in Tripoli yesterday.

It quoted Mr. Hamed as telling the Iraqi minister that the invitation constituted a serious move "since it meant creating something parallel to the Arab People's Congress."

The congress, sponsored by Libya and made up of Arab leftist parties and people's organisations, was established late in 1977 to counter Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace overtures to Israel.

The Baghdad meeting has been convened to rally support for Iraq's proposed national charter designed among other things to consolidate inter-Arab relations and ban foreign bases on Arab soil.

JANA also quoted Mr. Hamed as saying that any new form of groupings could "split the ranks of the Arab popular movement."

"We do not think the brethren in Iraq favour such a development because it will not serve pan-Arab causes," he said.



This picture shows a view of the booby-trapped car which exploded in Beirut Wednesday morning near the passing car of former Lebanese President Camille Chamoun, killing one of his bodyguards and wounding three persons. (AP wirephoto)

## Iran restates conditions for release of hostages

TEHRAN, March 12 (R) — The extradition of the deposed Shah and the return of his wealth to Iran remain the conditions for the release of the American hostages held at the U.S. embassy here.

Revolutionary Council Secretary Mohammad Beheshti said today. He told a press conference he believed this was the view held by a majority of members of the ruling council.

Ayatollah Beheshti said the conditions remained the same as those set by militant students when they stormed and captured the embassy last Nov. 4.

They were: "The returning of the Shah and the wealth of our nation which is in the hands of the Shah and his relatives and his assistants, and to create such conditions that we can (put on) trial the cruel policy of the United States in Iran during these last 25 years."

His uncompromising statement came a day after the suspension of a United Nations commission visit, on which the United States had pinned hopes of an early release of the hostages.

The five-man commission left Iran after revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini set conditions on its visiting the 49 hostages to check on their health and conditions.

At the United Nations, a spokesman disclosed today that the commission had met the three United States diplomats being held in the foreign ministry here.

This was the first official word that the five-member panel had seen any of the Americans held in Tehran during its 17-day stay there.

The U.N. spokesman, under persistent questioning from reporters, gave no other details of the meeting with the three American diplomats, who include Charge d'Affaires Bruce Laingen. He

could not even say when it took place. He said it had been arranged by the Iranian foreign ministry.

Mr. Laingen and the two other American diplomats held at the foreign ministry were there when militant students seized the U.S. embassy in support of demands for the extradition of the deposed Shah of Iran.

The U.N. inquiry commission had the dual task of investigating Iranian grievances against the Shah and visiting all the U.S. embassy hostages.

The commission was due to confer late tonight with Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, who has said that its work is only suspended, not terminated.

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance was also scheduled to discuss with them further steps to obtain the release of the American captives.

Mr. Vance is also expected to see the co-chairmen of the panel, ambassadors Mohammad Bedjaoui of Algeria and Andres Aguilar Mawdsley of Venezuela.

Mr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's national security adviser, told reporters in Washington that the administration was consulting the U.N. commission to determine "whether this particular initiative still has a life of its own."

He said the U.S. still hoped to get the hostages freed through peaceful means even though their detention had been an illegal act.

The situation was complicated by the continuing competition among rival political elements in Iran, he added.

Dr. Waldheim yesterday said the situation might become clearer after Iran's parliamentary elections, scheduled to begin on Friday.

The magazine said that the Israeli secret service had attempted to prevent neighbouring Iraq from developing a nuclear bomb.

The blowing up of a reactor destined for Iraq at a French plant in La Seyne-sur-Mer on April 6 last year was carried out by Mossad agents, Stern said.

## Chamoun survives assassination attempt

BEIRUT, March 12 (R)—Former Lebanese President Camille Chamoun survived an assassination attempt today but one of his bodyguards was killed, the right-wing Falangist Party radio reported.

Mr. Chamoun, leader of the right-wing National Liberal Party (NLP), was slightly injured when a car bomb exploded beside his car on the main coastal road north of Beirut, it said.

Three people, including two bodyguards were wounded. The man who died had been travelling in the same car as Mr. Chamoun.

The former president, 79, told reporters later: "I heard a very powerful explosion which shook the car and then splintered glass shattered all over the car and into my clothes and face."

He said he had left hospital after broken glass had been removed from his eyes and ears.

The attack was the second of its kind against a prominent Lebanese rightist in three weeks.

On Feb. 23 eight people were killed when a car bomb wrecked a vehicle belonging to Falangist military leader Bashir Gemayel in Beirut. The victims included his baby daughter, but Mr. Gemayel was not in the car at the time. Nobody has claimed responsibility for either explosion.

President Elias Sarkis and Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss telephoned Mr. Chamoun today to express their relief at his narrow escape.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat also sent an envoy to con-

gratulate Mr. Chamoun on his escape and express thanks to God for his safety.

The bomb attack followed the start of a fresh attempt this month by the government to forge national unity. On March 5, the cabinet announced a 14-point declaration of principles as a basis for building entente.



Former Lebanese President Camille Chamoun pointing at his eye as he shows reporters minor facial bruises he suffered during the attempt on his life in Beirut Wednesday morning. (AP wirephoto)

## Former general held for 'plotting' against Gen. Zia

ISLAMABAD, March 12 (AP)—A former major-general and some 15 leftist officers are being held by Pakistan martial law authorities on suspicion of conspiring against the military regime of President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq, a number of reliable sources in the Pakistan capital reported today. The Pakistan government denied earlier reports of an attempted coup against Gen. Zia.

The sources said the alleged conspirators were arrested early this month, before they had an opportunity to carry out their plans.

The arrested former general is Maj. Gen. Tajjamul Hussein, who was expelled from the Pakistan army in 1976 following allegations that he had plotted an army coup against then prime minister, Mr. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. He was held under house arrest until Gen. Zia freed him in 1978.

The sources said Gen. Hussein is alleged to have been in regular contact with the arrested officers and with the Begum Nusrat, Mr. Bhutto's widow. Mr. Bhutto was hanged in April, 1979, after Gen. Zia refused to commute a death sentence pronounced against him on a conviction of ordering a political murder.

The begum and her daughter, Benazir, have become idols of Mr. Bhutto's banned Pakistan People's Party since the execution. Both women are confined under strict house arrest and permanently under military guard in a house in Larkana in the Sind desert of southern Pakistan.

There was no indication of the whereabouts of Gen. Hussein. The other officers, reportedly held in Fort Attouk on the Indus River, are all of junior rank, the sources said. None is above the rank of captain.

## Regional Briefs

IV, March 12 (R)—Right-wing militias in South Lebanon today on a United Nations checkpoint manned by Dutch U.N. spokesmen said. Approximately 1,000 rounds of ammunition were fired at the Dutch checkpoint at Baydaa, some six miles north of the Israeli border, on the Lebanese coast. The Israeli position but there were no casualties, the spokesman said. Today's clash followed several incidents yesterday in which right-wing militias attacked U.N. positions, wounding several. In one incident, a rifle round was fired at a U.N. checkpoint from a range of only two metres. In a U.N. recovery vehicle was damaged when its driver's hit. The vehicle was towing a loaded petrol tanker at the time, the spokesman said.

AD, March 12 (R)—A Moroccan, Al Hashemi Al has been elected director-general of the Arab Labour Union (ALO). Mr. Banani, who is a member of Morocco's parliament to the eighth ALO session, took the oath at the annual resumed meeting here today. In a speech, the Moroccan pledged to seek the fulfilment of the organisation's aims: the Arab working class. The 10-day conference opened today with social security, migration of Arab workers and the ALO on its agenda. Iraqi Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Mahmoud Rassoul, who chairs the current session on the ALO to give special attention to the working class, increasing production.

IL, March 12 (Agencies)—Bulgarian President Todor Zhivkov last night condemned U.S. policies and what he called an attempt to interfere in the internal affairs of independent states, the Jamahiriya News Agency (JANA) reported. Speaking at a banquet here given in his honour by the leader, Col. Muammar Qadhafi, President Zhivkov, who visited Tripoli earlier in the day on an official visit, said the real enemies of the United States and its allies was to regain political, economic and social domination in the Middle East and to the Arab peoples from their sincere friends. In his welcome Col. Qadhafi said American forces are besieging the revolution and try to besiege the Libyan revolution with the aid of the reactionary forces which support them. The Libyan president strongly condemned the "unilateral agreements between the regime and the Zionist entity (Israel) and so-called self-rule talks." He said a just and permanent peace in the region can not be achieved without Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab lands.

OLM, March 12 (R)—Swedish Defence Minister Eric Ohlsson will visit Israel, Egypt and Cyprus during a six-day mission on Sunday, the defence ministry said today. The purpose of the trip was mainly to visit Swedish units with United Nations forces. Mr. Ohlsson will meet with Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, and hoped to see Defence Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, the ministry said.

ICUS, March 12 (R)—Guerrillas fighting for the independence of the strategic Red Sea province of Eritrea from Ethiopia today they had knocked out four Ethiopian soldiers in a battle on the Red Sea coast last Sunday. A spokesman for the Eritrean Liberation Front-Revolutionary Council (ELF) in Damascus said the battle had taken place near Balo Ahoi, a Red Sea port of Assab, and resulted in heavy casualties. The guerrillas had destroyed four Soviet-supplied jets. In another battle nearby on Saturday ELF forces killed 13 Ethiopian soldiers and wounded 13, the spokesman said.

March 12 (R)—Former energy and resources minister, Mr. Yoo Yang-Soo, has been named the South Korea's ambassador to Saudi Arabia succeeding Mr. Yoo Yang-Soo, who was transport minister in December, a government spokesman said today. Mr. Chang, 55, energy-resources minister between 1978 and December 1979, had previously served as foreign minister and commerce-industry minister.



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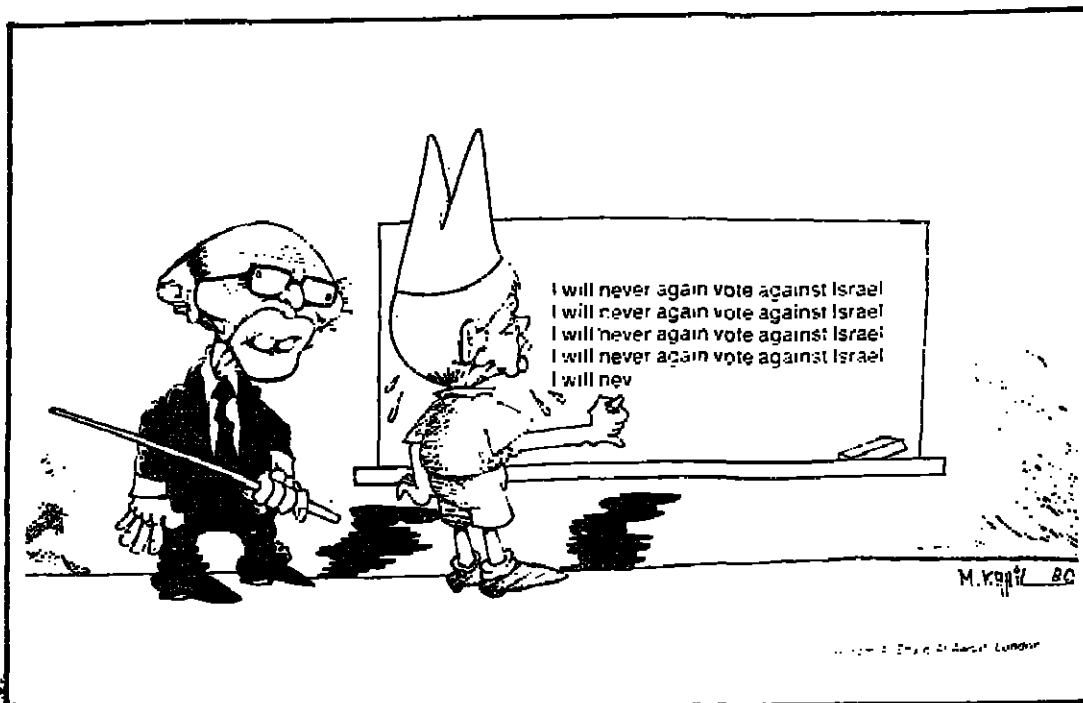
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## Franco-Jordanian economic ties firmed by Giscard's visit

By Ron Cathell  
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AMMAN, March 12 -- French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's visit here did more than score political victories for the Palestinians and a comprehensive Middle East peace. In a less dramatic way, but quite important for Jordan, his visit has bolstered Franco-Jordanian cooperation in commerce, technical assistance, cultural exchange and development aid.

A delegation representing French industry will visit Jordan in the near future to study investment possibilities, which would probably take the form of joint ventures. One possible venture is French participation in the car assembly plant of the Syrian-Jordanian Company for Industry if it chooses to produce the Peugeot 305.

It is also expected that a French group of manufacturers will visit Jordan in a few months to study the market here for their consumer products. Commercial Attaché Jacques Nambard told the Jordan Times today.

Though no aid agreements were signed during the French delegation's visit, important understandings were reached. For example, the French government expressed the intent to help finance any kind of development project in which French firms are involved. And it will encourage French industry to invest in enterprises here.

"Our construction sector is always looking for stable foreign markets," Assistant Commercial Attaché Remy Laurant said. "Jordan is politically and economically stable, and big development schemes are now coming out."

Increased French participation in Jordan's development is evident, Mr. Nambard said.

"Up to three years ago, the French were not very much involved," he said. "But in the last

three years they have participated in every developmental project. This doesn't mean we won all the contracts, but we did submit bids and proposals on each major project."

During the ministerial level discussions between the two sides, it was further decided that Jordan would receive more, and better quality French television programmes. "We hope to send a little more, and better quality, variety of programmes, including documentaries, musicals, films and T.V. serials," Cultural Attaché Pierre Carpentier told the Jordan Times today. "We would like to have a feature film twice a

month, and may be a movie every Thursday evening."

The French would also like to extend their daily television transmission time from one hour to one and a half hours.

In addition, France intends to increase technical assistance in broadcasting by training Jordanians on the techniques of French television so that eventually they can completely take over French programming here.

"What we want to do is choose a few bright, young (less than 30 years old) Jordanians and send them to France for one or two years to improve their (French) language and learn our television techniques," Mr. Carpentier said.

To strengthen cultural ties, it was decided that each of France and Jordan would host painting exhibitions by two artists from the other country. Mr. Carpentier pointed out that French-Jordanian cooperation is a two-way street. Jordan will be able to exhibit its culture, in several forms, at the Institute of the Arab World which is being created in France with "financial and moral support" from almost all Arab states. And French translators will soon get to work on two anthologies of Jordanian short stories and poetry which will then go on sale in France.

Jordan's vocational training will also get a boost from the French. It was agreed that 21 Jordanian vocational training instructors will go to France this year for a two-month crash programme to upgrade their qualifications for teaching practical skills in Jordan's vocational training programmes. The medium of instruction will be English.

## Japan's Prince Mikasa to visit Jordan in April

AMMAN, March 12 (JT)--Prince Mikasa, the youngest brother of Japan's Emperor Hirohito, will visit Jordan with his wife early next month as the guest of Their Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath, a source at Prince Hassan's office told the Jordan Times today.

The 64-year-old Prince Mikasa will attend the first biennial Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan to be held in Oxford March 25 to 31 under the patronage of Prince Hassan--before starting his eleven-day tour of Jordan and Syria.

The Japanese prince teaches university courses in his field of expertise, oriental history. He also has an interest in marine biology and has written a book on the marine life of the Red Sea.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Distortion on Baluchistan

Dear Sir,

I see the courtesy of your columns to correct the highly tendentious and distorted report on Baluchistan by Barry Schlachter (of the Associated Press--Ed.) that appeared in your distinguished journal on March 1, 1980.

To the discerning reader, the factual inadequacy of the report would immediately have been apparent by the portrayal of Zahedan as Baluchistan's capital. In fact, Zahedan is not even situated in Pakistani Baluchistan.

Moreover, by quoting exclusively from tribal chiefs and ultra-radical student leaders, Mr. Schlachter has attempted to represent extremist opinion as the mainstream voice of the Baluchi.

The following facts convey a more accurate perspective of the situation in Baluchistan today:

--(i) It is an established fact that the Baluchi people were in the forefront of the movement that led to the creation of Pakistan. It is, therefore, highly improbable that a people whose sacrifices and commitment to the creation of Pakistan was so great should now welcome alien domination.

--(ii) Baluchistan has an intensely forbidding terrain of rocky mountains and deserts--factors that have inhibited the natural development of the region. Roads have to be blasted out of rock faces, water extracted from the deepest tubewells, and schools, hospitals and power lines built in remote, desolate regions. This singularly difficult function related entirely to the field of development is carried out by the Pakistan Army in Baluchistan.

--(iii) Thus the Pakistan Army's presence in Baluchistan is not to suppress but to liberate the Baluchi people from centuries of neglect, backwardness and isolation. The only fortresses attacked by the Pakistan Army in Baluchistan are those of reaction, retrogression and foreign sponsored sedition whose high priests are the figures so liberally quoted by Mr. Schlachter. The vast majority of the people of Baluchistan have deeply appreciated the Army's role in bringing water, power, roads, education and hygiene to the people.

Above all, the Baluchis are a proud and patriotic people who, like their Muslim brothers across the border, would not hesitate to make the greatest sacrifice to oppose any domination in order to preserve their Islamic and national heritage.

yours faithfully,

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## NOTEBOOK

### Talk on, for you are among friends

By Rami G. Khouri

FROM THE hullabaloo, you'd think Europe had just discovered sunshine, orange juice and motherhood. So great has been the Arab reaction to the flurry of European statements on the Palestinians' right to self-determination that it will take a while longer for mortals and professional sceptics really to see the European position in a rational perspective. What, in fact, has come from Europe during the past week?

President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing has called for Palestinian self-determination, which is certainly a step forward from the position of Jimmy Carter and his Dancing Misunderstanders, who have only ventured so far as to proclaim the right of the Palestinians to "participate in the determination of their own future". On the level of words and phrases, one must admit that President Giscard d'Estaing has shown the sort of syntactical daring that President Carter can only aspire to.

We have also had the series of French joint statements with assorted Arab countries, asserting the need for a full Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories occupied in 1967 as the basis for a lasting peace. That's good, too, but not really much of an advance on past European positions, which have assumed that a less-than-full withdrawal is no withdrawal at all, but a consecration of occupation, and even the rhetorical flourishes of all the European civilisations cannot transform an occupation into a withdrawal with one speedy swish of the tongue, or the pen.

The tone of what we hear from various European capitals this month is pleasant and soothing, but then the collective political certitude of the Arab World vis-à-vis the confrontation with the West's position on Palestine is so fragile that we would cheer if the deputy agriculture minister of Liechtenstein burped heartily after eating a Tunisian olive, a Lebanese apple or, wonder of wonders, a Kuwaiti head of lettuce.

The Arab World's need for psychological pampering and political assuagement in the form of well-timed flashes of vocabulary and seemingly bold breakthroughs on the phraseology front is so enormous that we have accomplished a feat of as yet incalculable consequences: we have Arabised Europe, and have persuaded our European friends that it is in their national interest to join us in our unique brand of adjectival Olympics, in which the measure of greatness is the ability to say the right combination of words at the right moment and to the right audience.

As any foreigner in the Arab World knows, Arabs have a special affection for words, and, in the absence of any practical alternative, we will produce mountains of words where a modicum of action might have been more effective. The trip of President Giscard d'Estaing this month indicates that he and his fellow European statesmen and stateswomen have decided, for reasons still unknown to me, to join us in that fierce brand of warfare fought with letters, commas, infinitives, parentheses and adverbial phrases.

Their rallying around the phrase "Palestinian self-determination" is the zenith of this effort. It is, in this strange theatre, a rite of passage and initiation. We applaud all this because we put

more emphasis on the words people speak than on the things they do. Therefore, it seems to us we have found ourselves in the rather awkward position of cheering the same European statements that are in the process of implementing a collective trade-and-aid agreement with Israel, an agreement whose central provision for Israel is the reduction of tariffs on its agricultural and industrial exports to European countries. Many of the agricultural exports will be oranges and other fruits grown in Israeli settlements on occupied Palestinian land in the occupied territories using water that is deprived to the indigenous Palestinian farmers by the central military authority of a state of Israel whose ultimate existence is assured, on the material level, by co-operated agreements such as the Europeans are implementing with it this year.

There is a contradiction here, I suggest, whose roots lie more in the complexities of the Arab World than they do in any overriding mercenary sentiment of which we might be tempted to accuse our friends in Europe, who, after all, now speak our languages. But I am offended, for example, that Europe says it wants to see the activation of self-determination, yet Europe simultaneously implements trade-and-aid agreements with an ambiguous Israeli entity whose continuing internal dynamism necessarily negates my existence, my very validity as a human being, very adherence to a universe in which the etymological concepts of Europe, Palestine, and self-determination are supposed to have meaning or legitimacy.

I do not want to minimise the importance of the step forward that Europe has taken this month as it is tactically useful to have a European position that is independent of and more noble than the American approach to peacemaking in Holy Land.

I am troubled, however, by our penchant over-reacting to well-arranged words, judiciously timed phrases and verbal commitments that are unanchored to the physical reality of the occupation and dismemberment of Palestinian soil the Palestinian nation's political cohesion.

I am delighted that European statesmen support the right of self-determination for the Palestinians. But when I go to sleep at night, a voice reminds me that European countries buying oranges at reduced tariffs from Israel Palestine that are part of a Zionist colonialist system that can only exist, in its present form, by supportive economics of long-distance trade and accords of the kind being implemented by same European states that affirm the right of Palestinians to self-determination. How am I, are the four million Palestinians, supposed to reconcile the daring words of Europe with apparently contradictory deeds of Europe?

It is easy to understand this sort of thing if the Americans are the ones who do not do very much "grandeur" from a civilisation whose greatest contribution to humanity has been Coca-Cola and self-correcting typewriter ribbons. But we do expect more than this from Europe, and, despite the verbal flourishes of the past weeks, we are still not sure if our expectations perhaps too high.

## Local News Briefs

AMMAN, March 12 (JT)--His Majesty King Hussein today visited army headquarters and met with the commander-in-chief of the armed forces, Lt-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and a number of high-ranking army officers. They discussed a number of subjects connected with the armed forces.

AMMAN, March 12 (JT)--A spokesman for the Public Security Directorate said today that a total of 23 incidents occurred in Jordan over the past 24 hours, resulting in the injury of six people. Among these, he said, there were three road accidents and one fire. According to the spokesman, two people were killed and a child was injured in three road accidents which occurred on Monday. He said among a total of 12 incidents on that day, there were also three fires in which three persons died and two were injured. He said civil defence men found the body of a 15-year-old boy in a culvert filled with mud in Madaba, some thirty kilometres south of Amman.

AMMAN, March 12 (JNA)--The Somali Minister of Mining, Dr. Hussein Abdul Qader, arrived in Amman today for a visit to Jordan to last several days. He will have talks with Jordanian officials and the Arab Mining Company on cooperation on mining projects in Somalia.

AMMAN, March 12 (JNA)--The Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce (FJCC) will take part in the 24th session of the Union of Arab Chambers of Commerce, which is due to be held in Bahrain on April 5. During the four-day meeting, the participants will discuss means of strengthening cooperation among Arab chambers of commerce and the union's plans for the future. Jordan will be represented at the meeting by the FJCC's president, Mr. Mohammad Ali Budeir, and the federation's secretary general, Mr. Amin Ali Hussein.

AMMAN, March 12 (JNA)--The road linking the Jordan Cement Factories Company plant and the nearby town of Fuhais is closed to large vehicles and lorries due to the appearance of a fissure in the road, a spokesman for the Public Security Directorate said today. He said that for the present only small cars can use the road, which will be repaired tomorrow by the Fuhais Municipality in cooperation with the cement factory and the Ministry of Public Works.

AMMAN, March 12 (JNA)--Saudi Arabia's Director of Civil Defence, Maj. Gen. Kamal Sirajeddin left here today after a four-day visit to Jordan during which he toured touristic, archaeological and civil defence sites. Maj. Gen. Sirajeddin said upon departure that the visit has given him the opportunity to get acquainted with the aspects of progress in all fields, particularly in civil defence. He said the visit has contributed to expanding technical cooperation between the civil defence directorates of Jordan and Saudi Arabia, and has given his country a chance to benefit from the Jordanian experience in this field.

AMMAN, March 12 (JNA)--The Arab Mining Company's board of directors, chaired by Dr. Abdul Razzak Al Hashemi, has approved a tripartite agreement between the company and the governments of Iraq and Somalia on the exploitation of radioactive minerals in Somalia. The board of directors also approved in principle a plan to participate in a copper project in Mauritania and one to produce white cement in Jordan.

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# Baptist couple operates Jordan's only BBC Singers play to widely varying, but appreciative, Jordan audiences

Norah Barger  
Times Staff Reporter

March 12 — Since American husband and wife have pioneered the medical service in Jordan, Raymond and Ann Marchand run the country's only emergency medical service that provides care on the road out of

Amman. They told the Jordanian press that they delivered 98 women in 1979 and treated 100 other while transporting them in Amman.

Marchand said he began operating the emergency medical service in 1974, even before the idea of the United States Mid-Missions (for the Middle East), of which he is a member, came to England to receive Mrs. Marchand, who was a registered nurse, licensed midwife there, and who is of Lebanese origin, said they had originated to set up an ambulance in Aden, but political conditions in the 1967 war made it impractical. A diplomat there at the Jordanian Embassy in London suggested that they set up their service in Jordan instead. He recommended Madaba, a town about 40 km from Amman, and even arranged for them to stay there through Europe, they the Jordanian border in



Raymond and Ann Marchand in front of their ambulance, which is a converted Chevrolet Suburban. Maintenance for the ambulance, which

must travel bumpy roads at high speeds, is a problem. "Ambulances should be built according to aircraft, rather than ordinary vehicle standards," says Mr. Marchand.

1970 in a Land Rover fitted out as an ambulance. However, because of the fighting here at that time, they were turned away.

In 1974, they returned to Jordan with another ambulance and began operating their emergency service. Slowly, the idea caught on among the townspeople in Madaba.

Barely two years later, the couple suffered a setback. On their way to Thanksgiving dinner in Amman, their ambulance rolled over. No one was hurt, but the ambulance was ruined. For some time after that, Mr. Marchand recalled, they tried to carry on their work by using private cars

and services, but, he said: "We lost our ability to transport emergency cases."

Returning to the U.S., the couple set about raising money and ordering a new ambulance. In 1976, they were once again able to make their way down to Jordan with an ambulance. It is equipped with a stretcher that can be folded by only one person, the only portable oxygen apparatus in Madaba, an incubator, a rudimentary heart monitor and a hand operated resuscitator.

On their shopping list is a new heart monitor which produces a record on tape that can be handed to doctors at the hospital on arrival and which gives an electric shock to restore regular heart beat, thus preventing heart arrest. They would also like a resuscitator that does not rely on hand operation, and a digital pulse register equipped with a reader to replace the hand and stethoscope method they now use.

The two last items, they said, would circumvent difficulties they have in administering care and measuring heartbeat on bumpy roads where car sounds and movements interfere in their ability to detect the patient's progress on the road.

The essence of emergency medical work is speed — the ambulance must go at top speed over difficult road conditions. Mr. Marchand pointed out that 75 per

cent of the people suffering acute cardiac infarctions die within an hour, and of the remaining 25 per cent, 90 per cent die within 24 hours. However, if medication and treatment are provided in the first hour after the attack, the patient's chances go up.

Speed is especially important in Madaba, for the town has no hospital. Under ideal conditions, the ambulance can get the patient to King Hussein Medical Centre in 20 minutes, but if conditions are bad, the trip can take an hour. Mr. Marchand said Jordanians are particularly helpful in giving ambulances free passage on the road — as soon as they hear the siren, they pull over.

When a hospital in Madaba opens shortly, the couple expect to have less frequent and shorter runs. However, because the hospital will neither have an intensive care unit or the ability to handle extreme emergencies such as severe cardiac cases, the Marchands will continue with their life or death work.

While there are two other ambulances in Madaba — one belonging to the Civil Defence and the other to the Ministry of Health — they are staffed only by drivers who have no medical training. The Marchands cooperate with them and often leave cases to them if on-the-road care is not essential. They also work closely with the town's two midwives employed at the maternity clinic. The midwives refer cases to them if there is danger of a delivery emergency such as postnatal haemorrhaging. If the couple are called into a delivery they judge to be routine, they refer it to one of the midwives.

It is Mrs. Marchand who does most of the medical care and treatment — particularly in childbirth cases. Mr. Marchand recalls times when he has had to sit out in the cold because women would not let him into their houses. However, he has some paramedical training and can administer emergency resuscitation and help his wife as she gives treatment.

He drives the ambulance while his wife administers care in the back. They allow only one other person into the ambulance because family members all over the world, through their anxiety, tend to interfere with care of the patient. A family member may be helpful if a patient needs blood, he said.

Currently, he said, they have a problem of being accepted by hospitals as trained medical personnel. Those who meet the couple for the first time in emergency rooms, sometimes do not accept their evaluation of the patient's condition or refuse to believe their urgency in requesting blood. The half delay this may cause in treatment may make the difference between life and death, they say. To correct the problem, they have on order white medical jackets which they hope will give them more of an air of authority.

The work the tireless couple do is entirely voluntary — they never charge their patients. The money for operating their service comes entirely from their U.S.-based mission.

"The people of Madaba have benefitted from our service without cost," said Mr. Marchand, "and we wouldn't want to charge them. For us it is rewarding simply to see a woman with a healthy baby or to see a healthy man — it is a genuine pleasure."

By Fawzia Mai  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 12 — It would be difficult to decide what made the BBC Singers' visit to Jordan more memorable — the valiant spirit they displayed in performing at both universities, or the much deserved acclaim they received at the British Council concert last night.

The twelve men and women from the renowned 28-member professional choir, together with luteist Tom Finucane and director John Poole, spent three days in Jordan. They gave three concerts in the country, in addition to other activities such as a visit to Jerash and a cocktail party in their honour.

The reception given the chorus by the students of the universities of Yarmouk and Jordan was one the singers certainly never expected. Notwithstanding the totally ineffective barrage of a U. of J. employee who attempted to persuade the students to keep quiet during the concert, the curtains opened on Tuesday noon in a smoke and noise-filled auditorium where around 500 students were expectantly waiting to see "whether this group is good or not." One student in the standing section — which was packed elbow to elbow — wondered aloud whether they would sing something like "Brown Girl in the Ring" (by the pop singing group Boney M), because she liked that.

After the audience had quieted down to some extent — out of surprise at seeing the twelve singers seated in a semi-circle with no microphones and no instruments — Mr. Poole announced "Summer is Ictumen in" and the six male singers stood up. Mr. Poole raised his arms, the singers opened their



The BBC Singers

mouths, and the first few bars sounded.

Immediately loud bursts of laughter rippled and shook the audience. Although the shock of the students' first encounter with real singing soon wore off, giggles (more or less suppressed) kept bubbling throughout the performance. But as the singers ended their summer-welcoming song, enthusiastic applause broke out and the students started screaming, somewhat prematurely, for an encore. Mr. Poole bravely attempted an explanation of the second number — a medieval carol entitled "Alleluia Pro Virgine Maria" — over the feverish discussions going on in the house.

The same atmosphere pervaded the entire half-hour concert, though a cooperative silence greeted the lute number. This very gentle instrument was, however, unfortunately totally inaudible even in the front rows, a setback which did not prevent the students from cheering warmly, so great was their happiness at seeing an

Englishman play the 'ud.

The students had recourse to the Arab custom of responding with a satisfied "Ah!" to well sung phrases, and happily joined in refrains such as the recurrent "Aie, aie, aie" in a French chanson about Margot falling into a well.

Mr. Poole was obviously disappointed with such un-English and unconventional behaviour, as he told the uncomprehending students in his introduction of the last number, "Les Tisserands": "This is a song about weavers, who are very lazy and good for nothing — and you probably know what that means!"

An uproar broke out again as the concert ended and the students jumped up, shouting "again", but the performers just turned their backs and disappeared. Numerous students rushed backstage to meet the singers — certainly a rare occurrence here in Amman.

Obviously, despite their unruly behaviour, the students had recognised that singing could be something more than the simple emission of sound, and the concert was to them an eye-opener. Perhaps if the programme had consisted of more familiar nineteenth century music, the reaction would have been a less raucous one.

The British Council concert last night, on the other hand, offered a completely different atmosphere. For one thing, one could hear properly and appreciate each voice's tone colour and part — not just the overall effect. The programme was heavily medieval, with a few lute solos and one astonishing contemporary composition by Edward Cowie entitled "Hest Bank".

In this impressionistic work, Mr. Cowie gives a completely new role to the human voice, exploring the special qualities that distinguish it from musical instruments. The depiction of dusk at Hest Bank, a stretch of sandy coastline near the composer's home in Lancashire, was performed by all twelve singers — each carrying a thick music score under the spectacular direction of

Mr. Poole. The mood was set by a wide vibrato accomplished by the female singers, each humming a different undulating theme. Fragments of human conversation were conveyed by some of the male singers, who suddenly broke into a rapidly whispered recitation.

The tide rises — the undulating humming becomes louder and swells more freely with, now and then, high-pitched glides up and down the sound spectrum.

The flock of birds gets nearer to the observer as the occasional pianissimo bird-like sounds intensify and the female singers become a noisy aviary with a large variety of bird songs. Finally, as darkness descends and feeling of intense peace settles following the passage of the tide and the flight of the birds, the humming finally dies away.

A thunderous applause expressed the audience's feeling for this beautiful interpretation.

The medieval songs included canons, solos and various combinations of voices singing 20 songs that varied from King Henry VIII's "Pastime with Good Company" to Francis Poulenc's French chansons; from Shakespeare songs as set to music by Giles Swayne (1969) to love songs, drinking songs and carols.

The singers' skill was certainly more appreciated than the songs themselves. The outstanding voices of tenor Andrew King and alto Catherine Denley were received particularly well. One slightly embarrassing moment was a dead silence which followed Mr. Finucane's first lute number, the audience not having realised he had finished it. But when the luteist pointed out that that was all, due acknowledgement followed spontaneously.

The BBC Singers' perfect voices made a mark upon Jordan's music lovers. But the impact would surely have been greater, had a more varied and familiar programme been presented.

## U. of J. to open education centre for handicapped

AMMAN, March 12 (JNA) — The board of directors of the University of Jordan today decided to set up at the Faculty of Education a rehabilitation and special education centre for handicapped persons.

According to a board announcement, the centre will give training on diagnosing the handicapped and offering them physical, psychological and mental training with a view to helping them play an active role in society.

The centre, which is expected to benefit 20,000 handicapped people, will hold training courses for staff from various rehabilitation centres in Jordan and other Arab states, and will exchange expertise, scholarships and visits with similar centres around the world, the announcement said.

It added that the centre will receive and care for special cases referred to it by the Ministry of Social Development; and will create a training unit at the centre to conduct rehabilitation programmes for or give guidance to relatives of handicapped people.

## TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be partly cloudy to cloudy, with a chance of scattered showers. The wind will be south-westerly moderate. In Aqaba, the wind will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	5	13
Aqaba	11	24
Deserts	6	18
Jordan Valley	12	22

## LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

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(for every 100)	121.10/121.80
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Islamic Bank	JD 1,000	400	2.760	2.760	2.760
Bank of Jordan	JD 5,000	620	12.900	12.350	12.700
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	100	2.020	2.020	2.020
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	870	2.300	2.300	2.300
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	1850	1.450	1.440	1.440
Cairo-Amman Bank	JD 5,000	500	14.800	14.800	14.800
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	2364	1.650	1.650	1.650
Dar Al Dawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	200	4.350	4.350	4.350
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Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5,000	255	11.600	11.550	11.550
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Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan)	JD 10,000	180	1.090	1.080	1.090
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Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	1635	2.550	2.550	2.550

Total volume traded on Wednesday, March 12, 1980: JD 11,749

Total number of bonds traded: 1,461

Year of Maturity	Par Value	Number Traded	Volume Traded	High	Low
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1988	JD 10,000	430	4360	10.140	10.140
1989	JD 10,000	70	709	10.140	10.140

Total volume traded on Wednesday, March 12, 1980: JD 109,000

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Marchand, a qualified nurse, administers oxygen to a patient. The ambulance is also equipped with a rudimentary heart monitor, an incubator and a sphygmomanometer (blood pressure monitor, hanging right below).



Marchand helps a patient into the ambulance on a stretcher which takes only one person to

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### Australian to confirm squash skill

LONDON, March 12 (R) -- Geoff Hunt of Australia and Qamar Zaman of Pakistan, respectively one and two in world squash, contest their third successive British open championship final here tomorrow. Although Zaman won all three warm-up tournaments and has trained long and hard to topple Hunt, the Australian gave a timely reminder of his pedigree in the semifinals last night.

World number three Mohibullah Khan of Pakistan met Hunt in a mean mood and was made to look almost a novice as the Australian won 9-5, 9-1, 9-1 in only 58 minutes. Hunt admitted he had not played to his full capacity earlier in the event but added: "I think I have got it together now and I am ready to beat Zaman again."

Should Hunt take his fifth consecutive title, he will match the record of seven titles won by Zaman's compatriot Hashim Khan. Zaman, the winner in 1975, reached the final last night by defeating compatriot Maqsood Ahmed 4-9, 9-1, 9-4, 9-1.

### U.S. wins mixed pair gymnastics

PHILADELPHIA, March 12 (AP) -- The U.S. team of Kurt Thomas and Marcia Frederick piled up a total of 58.70 points during three rounds of competition yesterday to win the international mixed pairs gymnastic championships. Second place went to the Romanian team of Aurelian Georgescu and Emelia Eberle, who posted a combined score of 57.85.

The U.S. winners finished the first round in the lead with 19.55 points, as 12 of the 21 entering teams qualified for the second round. Thomas and Frederick scored a combined 19.65 points in the second round to lead with a total of 39.25 after two rounds.

Six teams qualified for the final round, in which Thomas and Frederick tallied 19.45 points, Thomas getting 9.80 on the parallel bars and Frederick getting 9.65 in the floor exercise. Thomas, a member of the 1976 U.S. Olympic team who scored a perfect score--a 10--in America's cup competition in New York on Sunday, had a 9.9 in the second round on the horizontal bar yesterday.

Romanians Ion Chedeches and Dumitru Turner took third place with a score of 57.65. Bulgaria's Stojan Delchev and Krasimira Toneva were fourth at 57.35. The U.S. team of Bart Conner and Tracee Talavera finished in a 5th place tie at 56.95 with the Soviet Union's Isor Yerniy and Galina Ionas.



Unlike other gymnastic meets where performances on different apparatus are mandatory, in all three rounds of the mixed pairs competition the gymnasts competed on the apparatus of their choice. Women selected from floor exercises, the balance beam, the vault and uneven bars. Men competed in floor exercises, the rings, the vault, the pommel horse and the horizontal bars.

Other Nations entering the competition were Japan, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Great Britain, Hungary, Mexico, Norway and East and West Germany.

### Name change gives runner Olympic chance

LONDON, March 12 (AP) -- Distance runner Nick Akers has changed his surname to Vladivar, after a vodka company sponsoring him in the Olympics. British-born Akers, 34, now lives in Edmonton, Alberta, and plans to compete in the Moscow Olympics as part of a five-member squad from the Cayman Islands, where he lived for seven months and qualified for the team. Akers, a bank clerk, is the first known athlete to adopt a commercial name.

The Vladivar Vodka Company, a British firm with Soviet connections, said it would pay an estimated £5,000 (\$11,500) sponsorship money to the Cayman Islands National Olympic Committee -- thereby staying within Olympic rules. The Olympic rules say competitors cannot use their names for advertising unless their national Olympic body enters into a contract for sponsorship of equipment. The rules say nothing, however, about an athlete legally changing his name to that of a sponsor.

"A change of name means nothing to me," Akers, as his friends know him, told a news conference. "It gives me a chance I would not have had otherwise." Before he left England last year, Akers, in an advertisement in the London Times, offered to assign one-tenth of his salary for life to anyone who would sponsor his preparation for the Olympics. There were no takers.

Competing in the Olympics has been Akers' life-long dream. But he has no chance of a medal. His best time for the 10,000 metres is 29:36.0, which is 2 minutes 14 seconds outside the world record of Kenya's Henry Rono. And he has never yet made the Olympic qualifying time. But if he is Cayman Islands' only entrant in the 10,000 metres or the Marathon, he will be allowed to compete anyway.

### Athletes reinstated as amateurs

PARIS, March 12 (R) -- The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) were in a forgiving mood at their two-day council meeting which ended here last night. Goodwill spilled forth and those to benefit included suspended Olympic medal winners Guy Druet of France and American Dwight Stones and five East European women, who only last year received life bans for taking drugs.

Druet, the Olympic 110 metres hurdles champion, and former world high jump record holder Stones were both reinstated as amateurs having lost that status since the 1976 Olympics for accepting illegal payments.

### Britain will 'go to Moscow Games'

MOSCOW, March 12 (AP) -- The head of Britain's National Olympic Committee was quoted in a Soviet newspaper today as predicting that Britain will participate in the Moscow Games.

In an interview with Komsomolskaya Pravda, Sir Denis Follows was quoted as saying: "The question whether to accept or not to accept the invitation to the 1980 Olympics was not actually raised, since our decision on participation in the Moscow Olympics was adopted back in September 1978. We realise the need to assure the British athletes of our intention and to relieve moral pressure which is being put on them in connection with an idea to boycott the games."

### Consumer prices near record

PARIS, March 12 (Agencies) -- The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) today reported a 1.5 per cent jump in inflation in non-communist industrial countries in Jan., and experts said the movement of prices last week looked equally disquieting. The Jan. rise in consumer prices matched a record for 24 OECD countries set in Feb. 1974, and the impact of the oil price explosion that followed the Middle East October war.

The OECD blamed the surge in inflation largely on energy prices. It said the Jan. figures brought the year on year rise in consumer prices to 12.7 per cent from 12 per cent in Dec. and annual rate in the six months to Jan. to 12.5 per cent from 11.9 per cent a month earlier.

Informed sources said present indications pointed to a steep rise in Feb. certainly above one per cent and possibly much as 1.5 per cent again. One OECD expert said nothing happened that offered the promise of a significant improvement in coming weeks.

The tentative forecast for Feb. was based on figures for month already in the hands of OECD economists, which showed wholesale price movements for the United States, West Germany and Japan. The OECD noted that the year on year increase in consumer prices was still running some two percentage points below the peak reached in the autumn of 1974.

"As in 1974, there has been a general acceleration in whole prices, dominated by energy and fuels, but with a substantial contribution from other non-oil commodity prices," the OECD said.

The OECD listed these increases for individual countries Jan. The United States 1.4 per cent, Japan 0.9, West Germany 0.5, France 1.9, Britain 2.5, Canada 0.6. It concluded: "largely consequence of the general nature of rising energy and commodity prices, the acceleration of inflation has been quite a spread."

Meanwhile, Japan's licensed imports in Feb. totalled \$13 billion, an increase of 66.1 per cent from a year earlier. Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) announced today. The sharp increase was attributed mainly to large quantities of oil and other raw materials, it said.

The Jan. figure is compared with a record high of \$14.25 billion registered in Jan. when the year-to-year increase rate was 100 per cent. A MITI official said the imports of crude oil doubled from the year before's level to \$5.728 billion.

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## FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, MAR. 13, 1980

YOUR DAILY  
Horoscope  
from the Carroll Righter Institute

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** A day and evening to do something thoughtful for loved ones. Also, a good time to plan that could give you more abundance in the re. Take positive steps to gain your aims.

**RIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Being with friends and improving the association is fine today. Take pains to handle the tasks in an efficient manner.

**AURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Show appreciation to the who have power over our affairs and gain further fulfillment. Use modern methods to improve your work.

**EMINI (May 21 to June 21)** See what you can do to enlarging your vision so that you can advance in the line of endeavor. Be wise.

**COON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** Take no risks to your health at this time. Handle responsibilities efficiently and they become easier.

**30 (July 22 to Aug. 21)** Support those associates who rely on your assistance at this time. Listen to complaints of your members and give help where needed.

**ARGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** You have to be more ended if you are to get all that work done that is important to you. Strive for increased happiness.

**BRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Take time to put your business and financial affairs in better order. Be sure to promises you have made to others.

**ORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Be more considerate of needs of family members and establish more harmony now. Avoid one who gossips too much.

**IGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Discuss your plans with associates and improve regular routines. Plan to gain your most cherished aims.

**PRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Study your financial situation and then confer with experts in order to improve your life. Take no risks in motion at this time.

**QUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Use tact with others. They soon will give you the favors you desire. The fine is fine for social pleasures.

**SCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** You are able to communicate well with associates and can advance in career. Sidestep a troublemaker.

JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles. One letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

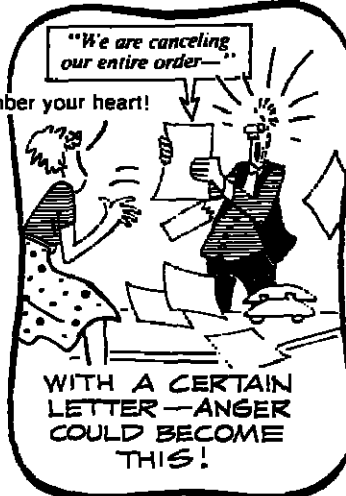
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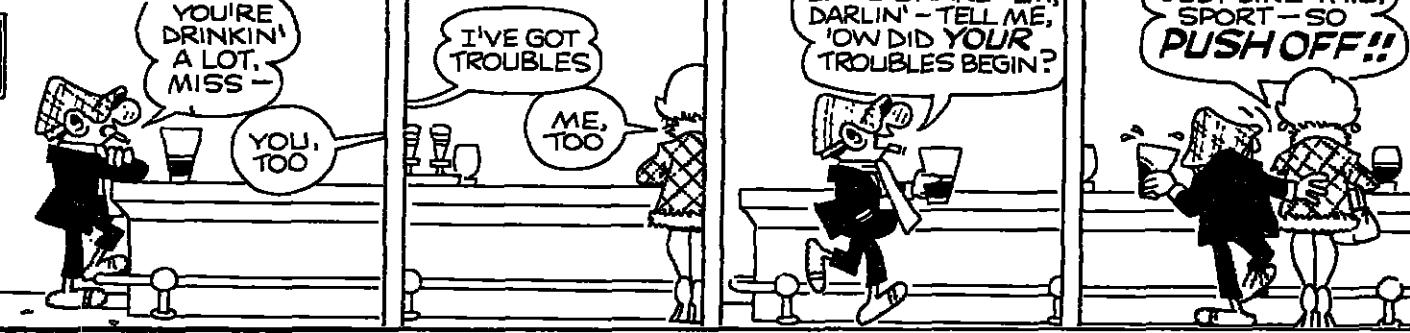
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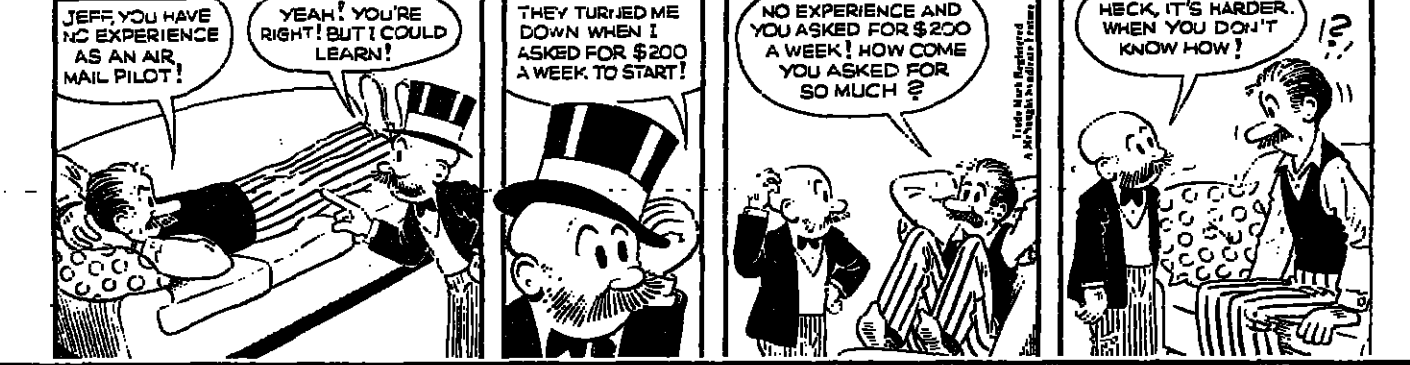
## Peanuts



## Andy Capp



## Mutt 'n' Jeff



## Flintstones



## THE Daily Crossword by David A. Scully

**ACROSS**

1 Get lost!  
5 Ship weights  
9 Caruso, for one  
14 A Chaplin  
15 Lily plant  
16 "Paris"  
17 Satire  
19 Climbing  
20 Dictator's aide  
21 "I" model  
23 Gilmore  
25 Artery

**DOWN**

26 Cupid  
28 Petty ruler  
32 "A — minstrel!"  
37 Jawaharlal  
38 Mouth: pref.  
39 — in smoke  
41 Bother  
42 Members  
43 Partner of  
47 A at al  
50 Town in Italy  
51 Place of combat  
54 Get rid of  
57 "lad"  
61 Rowed

**ACROSS**

63 Sniggled  
64 "The — Song" from  
66 Cuba —  
67 Concern  
68 Privy to  
69 Low cards  
70 Hindu land  
71 Hawaiian goose

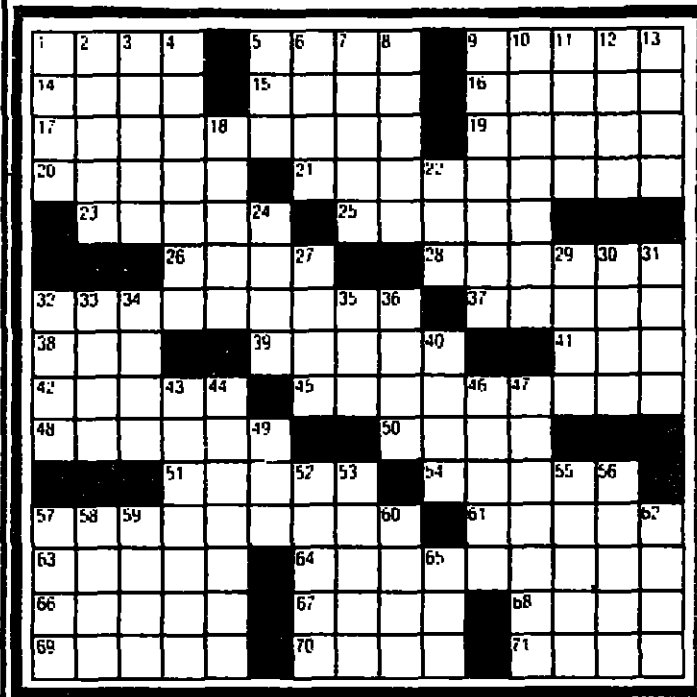
**DOWN**

1 Piggery  
2 — Rica  
3 Wrath  
4 Spoiled  
5 Chit  
6 Olive genus  
7 Shearer  
8 Contest  
9 Man from  
10 Promote  
11 Memo  
12 Stop or pop  
13 Depend  
18 River in France  
22 Time dws.  
24 Mad  
27 Offenses  
29 Zeus's mother

**30 Islands in Galway Bay**  
**31 Places**  
**32 Cry — (give an alarm)**  
**33 Seed**  
**34 City in Alaska**  
**35 Grand Forks school letters**  
**36 Dope**  
**37 Walk**  
**38 Diner**  
**39 Advances**  
**40 Stupid one**  
**41 A or B**  
**42 Baste**  
**43 John**  
**44 Garner**  
**45 Man from Peking**  
**46 Author**  
**47 Stephen**  
**48 Egre**  
**49 Whip mark**  
**50 Devises**  
**51 River to the North Sea**  
**52 City in India**  
**53 Sandhill, in England**  
**54 Skirt bottom**

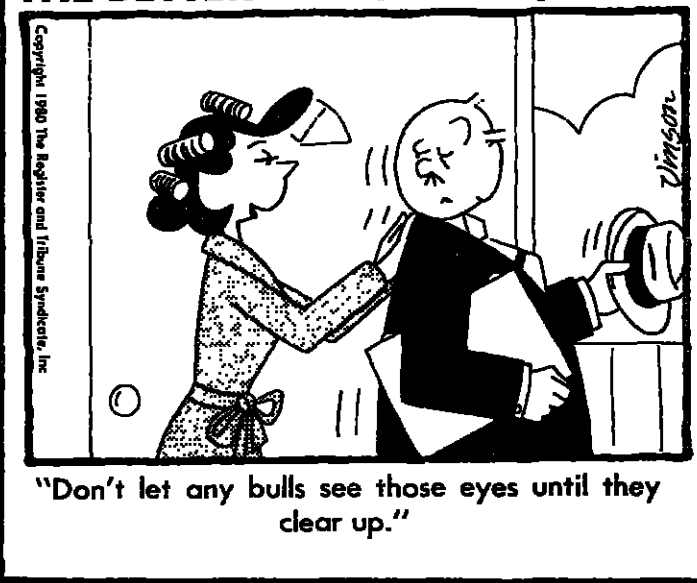
## Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

ACROSS: SETUP, EARL, MAIN, PRESS, TRAY, OFFICE, ASSISTANT, RETRACTS, ARGUE, RADIO, PRINCE, ALLI, MAIDS, LAD, SECOND, IN, COMMAND, APIT, AORTA, GUITO, HAISLES, FENDER, BUSIED, MAR, THIRDA, BRITICULE, HAMBURGER, HELPER, HELMO, LUNGE, AINO, MEOW, SINEER, MOJAS.



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## THE BETTER HALF By Vinson



## GOREN BRIDGE

CHARLES H. GOREN  
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FRESH: 1979 by Chicago Tribune

**West North East**  
Pass 2 0 Pass  
Pass 3 4 Pass  
Pass 5 4 Pass  
Pass 6 4 Pass  
ng lead: Two of ♠.

**East**  
♠ 7653  
♥ KQ854  
♦ 832  
♣ 43

**South**  
♠ AJ1098  
♥ AJ10  
♦ 0 Void  
♣ KJ1098

**Problem:** It seems a simple matter to win the heart, ruff a heart, return to your hand with a trump and ruff your last heart. Now cash the ace of clubs and lead a club to your king. Unfortunately, East ruffs the second club and you will still have to lose a trick to the queen of clubs.

**Well, what about establishing dummy's diamonds?** Win the ace of hearts and enter dummy with a trump. Now lead a diamond for a ruffing finesse, intending to repeat the finesse later. Unfortunately, West has both diamond honors, and you are going to go down several tricks.

**There is a line that will guarantee the contract if trumps are no worse than 4-1 and clubs do not break worse than 5-1. Win the ace of hearts and ruff a heart. Cross to the ace of spades and ruff another heart. Now come back to your hand with the king of clubs and draw the outstanding trumps. In doing so, however, you must take care to jettison a blocking card from dummy—specifically, the ace of clubs!**

**When the last trump has been drawn, you concede a trick to the queen of clubs. Now you can ruff the heart or diamond return and claim the rest of the tricks.**

**It's all quite straightforward as long as you remember to concentrate on finding the safest way to make your contract. Be it a partscore, game or slam. The extra 20 or 30 points for an overtrick can never compensate for going down.**

you think that you're to represent the d States in the world dionship? In that case, and should be as simple s. Cover up the East-cards with your s and see how you fare in six spades after lead.

I have bid quite well to o an excellent slam. receiving a spade ence, you cue-bid the hearts. When partner rated with your slam y showing his club y, you really couldn't anything less than six

r a heart lead, you approach the hand the question, "What's

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5:45 Kuran  
6:30 Kuran  
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8:30 Arabic Series  
9:30 Arabic Series  
10:30 Arabic Series  
11:30 Arabic Series  
12:30 Arabic Series

**CHANNEL 6**

6:00 French Programme  
7:00 News in French  
8:00 News in Arabic  
8:30 Comedy  
9:00 Comedy  
10:00 News in English  
10:15 News of the Week  
11:00 The Midday Mail

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7:01 Morning Show  
7:30 News Bulletin  
7:40 Morning Show  
8:00 News Summary  
8:30 The World of Philip Marlowe  
11:00 Signing off  
12:00 Morning on and News Headline  
13:00 Radiotheque  
14:00 News Summary  
14:15 Radiotheque  
14:30 News Bulletin  
14:40 News Bulletin  
14:50 Music  
15:30 Continuity Music

15:00 Concert Hour  
16:00 News Summary  
16:10 Easy Listening  
16:30 Old Ensembles  
17:00 Lullaby Point  
17:30 Radiotheque  
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18:05 American Concerts  
18:30 Short Time  
18:45 Arab Music  
19:00 News Bulletin  
19:10 News Report  
19:30 Sign off

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8:30 Damascus  
8:30 Kuwait  
10:00 Beirut  
10:30 Baghdad (E.V.)  
11:05 Kuwait (E.V.)  
12:05 Kuwait (E.V.)  
13:00 Cairo (E.V.)  
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18:25 London  
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8:55 Cairo (E.V.)  
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12:00 London  
12:05 Kuwait (E.V.)  
12:30 Paris  
13:00 Kuwait (E.V.)  
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14:45 Cairo (E.V.)  
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05:00 News, 24 Hours  
05:30 Classical Record Review  
05:45 World Today  
06:00 Newsweek

06:30 The Melos Ensemble  
07:00 News, 24 Hours  
07:30 Think of a Number  
07:45 Network U.K.  
08:00 News, Reflections  
08:30 News: Press Review  
09:30 Financial News  
09:40 Look Ahead  
09:45 Encounter with Animals  
10:00 Drawers  
10:30 My Music  
11:00 News: News about Britain  
11:15 Think of a Number  
11:30 Business Matters  
12:00 Radio New-steel  
12:15 Top Twenty  
12:45 Sports Round-up  
13:00 News, 24 hours

13:30 Network U.K.  
13:45 Pleasure's Yours  
14:00 DJ Roundtable  
14:30 Radio New-steel  
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16:00 News: Commentary  
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17:00 World Today  
17:15 Discovery  
17:45 Sports Round up  
18:00 News: News about Britain  
18:15 Radio New-steel  
18:30 Brain of Britain 1980  
19:00 Outlook: News Summary  
19:30 Stock Market  
19:45 Classical Record Review  
20:00 News, 24 Hours  
20:30 My Music  
21:15 Outlook  
21:30 In the Meantime  
21:45 News: News about Britain  
22:00 News: World Today  
22:25 Book Choice  
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22:45 Sports Round-up  
23:00 News: Commentary

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# Carter, Reagan sweep three state primaries

ORLANDO, Florida, March 12 (Agencies) -- President Jimmy Carter and Mr. Ronald Reagan have won landslide victories in three southern state primaries and face the prospect of possibly knocking out their main rivals for this year's presidential elections in the next round.

The results of last night's primaries in Florida, Georgia and Alabama left the two losers, Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy and Republican George Bush, in need of victories in Illinois next Tuesday to rescue their foundering presidential candidacies.

Senator Kennedy, drubbed by margins ranging up to eight-to-one last night in President Carter's home area, will now be going all-out for a strong rebound performance in Illinois.

Mr. Bush, the early front-runner in the Republican race, was perhaps under even greater pressure to do well in the populous midwestern state or see his chances fade away.

In Illinois, he will have the additional challenge of another tough contender, Illinois Congressman John Anderson.

Mr. Bush also faces the prospect that former President Gerald Ford may jump into the race as a moderate alternative unless he can defeat the ultra-conservative Mr.

Reagan at that point.

A Chicago Tribune poll of Illinois voters, published this morning, gave Mr. Anderson 33 per cent, Mr. Reagan 31 per cent and Mr. Bush 20 per cent with the remainder divided among other candidates and undecided voters.

Senator Kennedy appeared to have led President Carter in Florida yesterday only among Jewish voters, reflecting their unhappiness with the administration's Middle East policies.

Earlier this month the United States voted at the United Nations in favour of an anti-Israeli resolution which called for the dismantling of Jewish settlements on the West Bank of the Jordan and in Gaza.

The U.S. vote caused an uproar among Jewish-Americans and two days later Mr. Carter issued a statement saying the U.S. should have abstained. Yesterday he pledged that his administration would not make the same mistake again.

Mr. Carter and Mr. Reagan, the former California governor, demonstrated strong support from almost every voter group in compiling their overwhelming margins of victory in the south.

Both had been expected to win in a region where Mr. Carter's southern background and Mr. Reagan's staunch conservatism gave them strong appeal. But they did even better than predicted, running away with the popular vote and with scores of delegates to the parties' nominating conventions.

With most of the votes counted in all three states, results showed Mr. Carter had won in Florida with 63 per cent of the vote to 21 per cent for Mr. Kennedy.

On the Republican side, Mr. Reagan led Mr. Bush by 58 to 30 per cent while Mr. Anderson, who did not campaign in the south, had about eight per cent.

In his native state of Georgia, Mr. Carter crushed his rival by 88 to eight per cent, and Mr. Reagan had a commanding 73 to 13 per cent lead over Mr. Bush.

In Alabama, Mr. Carter drubbed Mr. Kennedy by about 82 per cent to 13 per cent, and Mr. Reagan defeated Mr. Bush by about 70 per cent to 25 per cent.

President Carter captured 180 of the 208 Democratic national convention delegates at stake in the three elections.

President Carter gained an overwhelming victory in Oklahoma's Democratic precinct caucuses and even his detractors conceded he would end up with at least 30 of the state's 42 national convention delegates.

And in caucuses in the state of Washington, with about 25 per cent of the precincts reporting, Mr. Carter was defeating Mr. Kennedy by a margin of about three to one in the first western test between the two.

A total of 130 delegates were being chosen in precinct caucuses



President Carter



Ronald Reagan

last night in four western states. Partial returns from Alaska, which picks 11 delegates to the Democratic convention, showed Mr. Kennedy leading while returns from Hawaii, which has 19 delegates, were another victory for Mr. Carter.

None of the national convention delegates were chosen in last night's Oklahoma caucuses, but Mr. Carter defeated Mr. Kennedy by a margin of more than seven to one. And that strength will translate into national delegates later at district state conventions.

Washington was also holding Republican precinct caucuses to pick 37 delegates to the national convention. With 40 per cent of the vote tallied, Mr. Reagan, as expected, was winning. He had a two to one margin over the surprise second-place finisher, Mr. Anderson. Also picking up votes was Mr. Ford.

## Tense, probably brief truce prevails in S. Africa's ruling party

By Peter Mosley

JOHANNESBURG, March 12 (R) -- A tense and probably short-lived truce prevails within South Africa's monolithic ruling National Party after a bitter row over race policies threatened to rip it asunder.

Both sides claimed victory after a confrontation between Prime Minister Pieter Botha, urgently

applying a massive facelift to apartheid, and right-wing champion Andries Treurnicht who sees such a move as verging on heresy. But most National Party parliamentarians believe the fiery and often impetuous Mr. Botha has been forced to back down, and that the pace of change in racial policies may be slowed as a result.

The immediate cause of the showdown was Dr. Treurnicht's public objection to the inclusion of two coloured (mixed race) teams in a hitherto all-white schools' rugby tournament known as "Craven Week".

This was the latest in a host of



Premier Pieter Botha

## South African church eases race laws stand

PRETORIA, March 12 (R) -- South Africa's conservative Dutch Reformed Church has said it would not object to a review of this country's laws against interracial marriage and sex -- an apparent step away from the church's previous scriptural support for the ban.

A statement issued after a meeting in Pretoria yesterday of the dominant white Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk (NGK) and its black, coloured (mixed race) and Indian branches said:

"Should the authorities decide that the circumstances were propitious to reconsider these acts (against mixed marriage and sex), the churches would have no objections in principle against the re-examination."

The NGK, the largest Afrikaans church and a consistent supporter of government policy, has in the past maintained that the Bible forbids interracial sex and marriage. Church sources said it was

"adapt or die" measures aimed at effacing the more controversial colour-bar aspects of apartheid, whilst retaining its central tenets: separate political destinies for south Africa's various tribal nations (including the whites).

But for premier Botha, mindful of Dr. Treurnicht's negative reaction to previous moves such as liberalising discriminatory labour laws and questioning the bans on sex or marriage across the colour line, his stand against integrated rugby was the last straw.

The prime minister publicly repudiated the party's "verkrampte" (reactionary) right wing and implicitly Dr. Treurnicht, its leader -- declaring South Africa could not afford "the luxury of the division and political opportunism practised by some people."

If people were not prepared to accept his leadership, he should find another leader, Mr. Botha said, and went on to accuse the rightists of treating coloureds like lepers.

This remark bitterly angered Dr. Treurnicht's supporters in Transvaal province, where he is the National Party leader. They maintain that segregation of the races does not mean anyone is an outcast.

The showdown came at a

cabinet meeting yesterday at which Mr. Botha hoped, according to party sources, to force Dr. Treurnicht into a position where he had either to withdraw his opposition and pledge support for the party leader or resign.

In the event, he did neither. After a lengthy three-hour cabinet session, the schism was papered over with anonymous statements from Mr. Botha and Dr. Treurnicht.

The prime minister said it was the party's responsibility to work out its internal affairs, and called for a halt to "blatant attempts to create divisions in the party."

Dr. Treurnicht said the differences were now regarded as settled, and urged "all nationalists to unite in building up the National Party and carrying out its policy for the welfare of all in South Africa."

They would have invited some of the party's "old guard," including former premier John Vorster and former police and justice

ministers James Kruger, in their ranks, the sources said. Such a rift could be catastrophic for Mr. Botha and his party, actively scouting his reformist successor to the prime minister's post to abandon his plans to discipline Dr. Treurnicht.

But the deep division between Dr. Treurnicht and his backers, slash the party's parliamentary majority from 103 seats to 66, could not prevent the party's early general election.

The row has also reignited traditional rivalry between Transvaal and Cape provinces of the party. As one nationalist MP put it: "The prime minister may be from the Cape, but power remains in the Transvaal."

But party sources said it appeared Dr. Treurnicht had won this round of his trial of strength with more liberal Mr. Botha.

His winning cards were the strong support he enjoys among the 66 nationalist MPs from Transvaal -- the biggest power bloc among the 134-strong National Party parliamentary caucus.

The sources said there were contingency plans, should Dr. Treurnicht be forced out of government -- he holds the relatively junior post of minister for public works, statistics and tourism -- for his Transvaal supporters to form a breakaway movement within the party.

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## Official sources rule out any chance of recovery

### Tito's condition worsens

BELGRADE, March 12 (R) -- President Tito's already critical condition worsened today, with his doctors reporting a further weakening of his heart and a fresh attack of pneumonia.

A terse bulletin from his panel of eight doctors, the bleakest they have issued in the past ten days, described the condition of the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader as very grave.

Official sources said President Tito had already been close to death at least five times since he fell ill more than two months ago, and added that it was impossible to predict how long he might hold out.

They ruled out any chance of recovery. The president is suffering from heart weakness, cardiac disturbances, kidney failure, pneumonia, digestive problems and internal bleeding.

Today's bulletin said: "The general state of health of President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito is very grave. Pneumonia is appearing again. Signs of heart weakness are more evident. Intensive treatment continues."

Unusually, the state radio broke into its normal programmes to broadcast the bulletin from the

hospital in Ljubljana, northern Yugoslavia. Officials said the most important reference in the bulletin was to a further weakening of the heart.

They said he was being kept alive with a number of life support systems, including intravenous feeding, an external heart pacemaker, oxygen supply and a dialysis machine. This device had taken over the functions of the kidneys in filtering out toxic substances from his bloodstream.

The artificial kidney was now being used almost daily, as compared to once a week in the earlier stage of his illness.

President Tito's left leg was amputated on Jan. 20 after an unsuccessful bypass operation to relieve an artery blockage. The onset of gangrene had threatened his life.

Outwardly, life in Yugoslavia has remained almost unchanged, and state radio and television networks continue broadcasting light music programmes.

But senior state and Communist Party officials have been advised to be ready for funeral ceremonies in the near future.

## Search continues for survivors after oil tanker explosion off western Africa

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, March 12 (R) -- Ships and a helicopter today searched the Atlantic for 30 people missing from the Spanish oil tanker Maria Alejandra, which exploded and sank off western Africa yesterday.

Seven Spanish crewmen from the 122,500-ton ship were rescued exhausted but unhurt and maritime officials said there were faint hopes that more survivors could be found in the sea off Mauritania. Six bodies were recovered today.

The missing were all Spanish with the exception of two Britons, according to Mar Oil S.A., the Spanish-based company that owned the tanker.

They were identified as Mr. Anthony Wilson, aged about 50, from London, a director and founder member of Mar Oil, and his nurse, 18-year-old Miss Anne Hutchinson.

A company official said Mr. Wilson and Miss Hutchinson joined the unladen tanker by helicopter as it cruised past Las Palmas on Monday on its way south towards the Gulf, where it was to load with oil. The British businessman had been ill and was taking a convalescence cruise.

The tanker's owners said several explosions tore the vessel apart around 1330 GMT yesterday.

The ship sank so quickly, in 40 seconds, according to Lloyds shipping agency, that there was no

time to send out a distress call. The alarm was not raised until ten hours later when several survivors were picked up by a passing ship.

The explosion happened about 160 kilometres west of the Mauritanian port of Nouadhibou, not far from the scene of another mysterious tanker sinking two months ago.

The Liberian-registered Salem, insured for \$56 million with Lloyds, sank off the Senegal coast on Jan. 17 after several explo-

sions. There was no loss of life and the ship's captain and chief engineer were later accused of sinking the ship on purpose in an alleged multi-million dollar insurance fraud.

Mar Oil said the cause of yesterday's explosion was not yet known, but one theory was that volatile gases built up in the ship's empty tanks and exploded.

Informed sources said the Maria Alejandra was insured for 3,000 million pesetas (\$45 million).

## Thai premier announces cabinet

BANGKOK, March 12 (R) -- Thailand's newly-appointed Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda tonight announced his cabinet, which includes leading figures from three main opposition political parties.

General Prem, who is army commander-in-chief, told a press conference here he would keep the defence portfolio which he held in the government of General Kriangsak Chomanan, who resigned late last month.

Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savet-sila will also remain as foreign minister, ensuring continuity in a key portfolio for a country which borders communist Indochina.

Important posts in connection with the economy went to Mr. Boonchu Rojanasathien, who becomes deputy prime minister, and Mr. annuay Virawan, who becomes finance minister. Both

are highly experienced economists.

Mr. Boonchu, a former finance minister, is deputy-leader of the main opposition Social Action Party (SAP), which was a leading critic of the former government's economic policies.

General Prem also announced that the leader of the opposition Democrat Party, Dr. Thanat Khoman, would take the post of deputy prime minister. Dr. Thanat was foreign minister for 12 years between 1959 and 1971.

Two other deputy-premiers were also named -- supreme commander General Sern Na Naknon and the leader of the rightwing Chart Thai Party, General Praman Adireksan.

General Prem said his 37-member cabinet would include 17 politicians from the elected lower house of parliament.

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They would have invited some of the party's "old guard," including former premier John Vorster and former police and justice

ministers James Kruger, in their ranks, the sources said. Such a rift could be catastrophic for Mr. Botha and his party, actively scouting his reformist successor to the prime minister's post to abandon his plans to discipline Dr. Treurnicht.

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## World News Briefs

SINGAPORE, March 12 (R) -- Seven U.S. warships, including aircraft carrier Okinawa, arrived here today and informed sources said they appeared to be heading for the Indian Ocean. The aircraft carrier, two frigates, cruiser, amphibious assault ship, tank lander, and amphibious cargo ship were carrying about 1,800 marines. In January, the U.S. aircraft carrier Coral Sea and five other warships passed through Singapore to the Indian Ocean. Admiral Robert Long, commander-in-chief of the U.S. forces in the Pacific and Far East, said during a recent visit to Singapore that the situation in the Indian Ocean and the Gulf would require an increase in U.S. naval strength for some time to come.

VANCOUVER, March 12 (AP) -- Former CIA director William Colby says the Central Intelligence Agency worked with Soviet Union secret police, in covert operations against the Soviet Union, but denied the CIA was involved in torture in Iran. Mr. Colby, who served as CIA director from 1973 to 1976, denied Iranian accusations that the agency was involved with Savak in practicing torture techniques during the reign of the deposed Shah. Speaking yesterday on a radio talk show, Mr. Colby said the CIA received help from Savak in monitoring Soviet military movements. "As for the torture and that sort of thing, I'm sure that the Savak organisation, in part, did some of this," Mr. Colby said. "I'm not sure how much, but frankly, and the one thing I am absolutely sure of is that the CIA had nothing to do with it, nothing... We worked with the Savak in order to have... the listening posts that gave us a unique coverage of the development of Soviet nuclear weapons."

MIAMI, March 12 (R) -- About 360 kilograms of pure gold worth more than \$7 million was stolen from a jewellery store here last weekend. Mr. Richard Andrews, an investigator for the store's insurance company, said yesterday: "I've never seen or heard about a bigger gold theft anywhere." The owner of the store, Mr. Al Weiberg, said the loss was partially insured.

WASHINGTON, March 12 (R) -- The United States has granted political asylum to a Romanian diplomat, his wife and child. State Department officials said yesterday. The action was taken last Friday on a request made on Feb. 24 by Mr. Nicholas Horodincea, the secretary at Romania's Washington embassy, after he received orders to return home. Officials denied Romanian allegations that U.S. authorities had kidnapped the diplomat's wife and their three-year-old son after Mr. Horodincea sought asylum. The officials said Mrs. Horodincea voluntarily made her own decision about remaining in the United States with her husband. Romanian press reported the Foreign Ministry in Bucharest as saying U.S. officials stopped Mrs. Horodincea from boarding a flight from Washington. Romania had taken her and her son to a military hospital. Reports described Mr. Horodincea as a traitor and called the case a typical act of kidnapping and an attempt to cover an operation American intelligence.

TOKYO, March 12 (R) -- Japanese rail workers today fired the shots of the annual spring pay offensive with a three-hour strike which disrupted 13 commuter lines. Members of the Japan Railways (JNR) and power workers union (Doro) walked out on protest against planned 50 per cent increases in gas and electricity charges and a decision to axe uneconomical railway lines, a union spokesman said. It is traditional for JNR workers to strike before April offensive, during which thousands of workers bargain for higher wages and better conditions.

LONDON, March 12 (AP) -- Elizabeth Taylor is coming to semi-retirement to star in a new British movie based on an Agatha Christie thriller, "The Mirror Crack'd." The British press said she was married to U.S. Senator John Warner, a Republican from Virginia. Mrs. Taylor has not made a film in four years. But she told the Mail: "I haven't gone out to pasture. What I wanted was some appetising to do in a film if the right part came along and the schedule wouldn't take me away from my husband for too long."

## Iran's industry 'could be hampered by growing shortage of spare parts

TEHRAN, March 12 (R) -- Iran's industry, particularly the oil sector, could be hampered by a growing shortage of spare parts as the American hostage crisis continues, diplomats and analysts here have said.

Hopes for an early easing in tension between the two countries collapsed yesterday when a United Nations commission left Iran without seeing any of the 49 Americans held by radical Muslim students in the U.S. embassy.

The major economic effect of the hostage crisis, which began with the embassy occupation over four months ago, has been on the oil industry, the analysts said.

Production has dropped recently to an officially stated 2.7 million barrels a day from over three million, and press reports and diplomatic sources have put current output as low as two million.

The reduction is in line with declared government policy, but the diplomats believed that lack of spare parts has contributed to it and would at least mean that it would be difficult to increase output if the government wanted to.

Most parts needed for the oil sector are American-made and the United States has imposed an embargo on the sale of them to Iran.

Analysts said there are shortages on the production side and in refining units, particularly for products such as petrochemicals which demand high technology.

Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moinefar has admitted a lack of American spare parts but has said most of them could be imported from other countries.

But workers councils have sent letters to the president from the oil-producing province of Khuzestan saying that spare parts cannot be obtained and that present equipment will be worn out in the near future. They have also complained about the lack of foreign experts.

Transport industries could also be affected by parts shortages. Informed sources said civil aviation has suffered in this respect, both with planes and helicopters.

During recent flooding in Khuzestan, Iran asked Italy for emergency spare parts for Chinook helicopters but received no reply, Mr. Bani-Sadr has said.

Iran's military equipment is also likely to become less serviceable as the crisis continues, the diplomats said.

Given the present low level of economic relations between Iran and the United States, and the

## Gunman 'kneecaps' Naples priest

NAPLES, Italy, March 12 (AP) -- A Roman Catholic priest who has been attacking the underworld from his pulpit was shot in the left leg by a lone gunman in the first "kneecapping" of a clergyman in Italy, police reported today.

Witnesses said a tall youth approached Rev. Raffaele Petrone, 54, as he walked out of St. Sophia Church in downtown

Naples after evening services yesterday. Without saying a word, the assailant fired three pistol shots, one hitting the priest.

The man fled as passersby gave first aid and called an ambulance. Rev. Petrone was reported in fair condition. He told police he did not recognize the gunman.

Kneecapping, a technique developed by gunmen of the Irish

Republican Army in Northern Ireland, has been used in recent years by Italian terrorist gangs to cripple businessmen, judges and government officials.

Police, however, ruled out terrorists and said Rev. Petrone was probably shot in a vendetta by the "Camorra," Naples' crime syndicate. For months he has been campaigning against the racket of high-priced funerals allegedly controlled by mob bosses.

In Rome today, two gunmen ambushed a right-wing extremist in front of his home and killed him with six pistol shots in the second politically motivated murder in the Italian capital in two days, police reported.

Witnesses said Angelo Mancica, 27, spotted the gunmen as he left his apartment house in the Montesacro section and tried to flee. But they wounded him and, as he fell to the ground, pumped five more bullets into his body and head.

The gunmen then sped away in a red car, later found abandoned a few blocks from the assassination scene and determined to have been stolen.

Mr. Mancica was a messenger for Secolo d'Italia, official organ of the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI) party. Leftist terrorists bombed the newspaper offices last weekend, injuring seven persons.

Police said Mr. Mancica had a record of extremist activity and had been under investigation for the assault several years ago of the son of Mr. Pietro Ingrao, Communist president of the Chamber of Deputies.

## Attempts to cause Soviet discord with foreign radio broadcasts 'bound to fail'

MOSCOW, March 12 (R) -- The Soviet Communist Party daily Pravda said today attempts to stir up strife among Soviet Muslims with foreign radio broadcasts were bound to fail.

Pravda was commenting on recent requests put to the United States Congress for more funds to run the Munich-based stations Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, which beam their programmes at Soviet bloc countries.

The Kremlin organ quoted the Western press as saying the two stations' output directed at Soviet Muslims had doubled with the aim of provoking discord among national minorities.

"The whole history of the Soviet state shows that attempts by imperialism to split... peoples in our country are doomed to failure," Pravda said.

The newspaper said the two stations were subversive organs of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) fighting in what it called

President Jimmy Carter's "psychological war".

The stations, which are widely jammed in the Soviet Union and Eastern block countries, were founded by the CIA, but the U.S. Congress took over their funding in 1971.

Pravda attacked the official U.S. Government Voice of America, the London-based BBC and the West German Deutsche Welle for "trying to revive a cold war atmosphere."

It said the Voice of America's broadcasts were "instigatory and often openly hostile," and did not serve the aims of the 1975 Helsinki accord on European security and cooperation.

Jamming was lifted from all three stations in the wake of the Helsinki agreement.

Millions of Soviet citizens listen to their broadcasts as a regular alternative source of news to the tightly-controlled official media.